

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
**OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**  
1301 CONSTITUTION AVE., NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20004

**DATE:** DECEMBER 28, 2020

**PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F)

**COMPLAINT #:** OI-HQ-2020-PFD-0155

**CROSS REFERENCE #:** N/A

**TITLE:** UNKNOWN SUBJECT: ALLEGED MISUSE OF EPA SEAL/LOGO

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
UNKNOWN	EPA	

**VIOLATION(S):** 18 U.S.C. § 1017

**ALLEGATIONS:** On August 28, 2020, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations (OI), Electronic Crimes Division (ECD), was notified of a hotline complaint (#2020-0357), dated August 28, 2020, which alleged grants possibly distributed through Facebook under the EPA name and seal.

**FINDINGS:** On August 28, 2020, ECD received hotline complaint (#2020-0357). On the same date, correspondence was received from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) it was determined that (b) (7)(E)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) also searched and found no evidence that EPA seal or logo or contact information was used on Facebook. On December 16, 2020, ECD (b) (7)(E)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C). This search was met with negative results.

**DISPOSITION:** Based on the investigative findings, this case is being closed with no further action.



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**DATE:** NOVEMBER 29, 2017

**PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)  
(C) (b) (7)(F)

**CASE #:** OI-HQ-2017-CAC-0069

**CROSS REFERENCE #:**

**TITLE:** EMAIL THREAT TO DUMP PAINT IN FRONT OF ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE  
DOOR

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Possibly MI, USA	

**ALLEGATION:**

This investigation was initiated when, on February 27, 2017, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG) Hotline was notified of a potential threatening email message which was received by the EPA Administrator's inbox. The message was sent by an individual claiming to go by the name of "(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)", using the email address (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@gmail.com. The subject line of the email read "I love you"; the body of the email read: "Hi, I am considering dumping the old paint I just scraped off my home outside your office door on Tuesday. Please advise. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)".

**INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS:**

The Office of Investigations, OIG, EPA, (b) (7)(E) . These efforts were met negatively. In addition, OI determined that there was not a criminal nexus to the allegation.

**DISPOSITION:** Inconclusive. Closed.

This case is recommended for closure and movement to the general threat case file, with the understanding that if subject reinitiates contact, further action will be taken.

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**DATE:** March 14, 2019

**PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)  
(C) (b) (7)(F)

**CASE #:** OI-HQ-2018-ADM-0039

**CROSS REFERENCE**

**TITLE:** Allegation of Inappropriate Lobbying

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
NA	Washington, DC	

**VIOLATIONS:**

31 U.S.C. § 1341 – Antideficiency Act

Public Law 115-31 – Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017

**ALLEGATION:**

On September 26, 2017, the Committee on Energy and Commerce, U.S. House of Representatives requested that the EPA Office of Inspector General (OIG) “develop a comprehensive factual record for instances where possible violations of the Antideficiency Act and the publicity or propaganda and anti-lobbying provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CSA) of 2017, may have occurred, during an April 2017 meeting between former Administrator Scott Pruitt and the National Mining Association.”

**FINDINGS:**

The OIG’s Office of Investigations conducted seven interviews with members of the National Mining Association and five interviews with EPA personnel who attended the April 2017 meeting. As the purpose of this inquiry was to develop a factual record of said meeting, on March 1, 2019, a written account of the information collected was sent to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, U.S. House of Representatives.

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**DISPOSITION:**

This was a fact-finding matter. The matter was completed and the appropriate documents provided to Congress. No further action is required. As such, this matter is being closed.



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**CASE #:** OI-HQ-2018-THT-0037

**CROSS REFERENCE #:** N/A

**TITLE:** GENERAL THREAT CASE FOR 2018

**INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):** N/A

**PREPARED BY:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F), SPECIAL AGENT

**MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY**  
Case Closing Report

**NARRATIVE:** On January 29, 2019, Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F) Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency, directed Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OI, OIG, EPA, to close the General Threat Case File for 2018.

SA (b) (6) was directed by Patrick Sullivan (AIGI Sullivan), Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, OI, OIG, EPA, to create the General Threat Case File for 2018, and to enclose all instances of concern or unusual direction interests which, do not merit full investigatory action.

The entities entered into this General Case File will be memorialized for historical purposes. If new information about a potential entity becomes available, or should the OIG assess a need, the OIG reserves the ability to investigate accordingly.

**CASE:** OI-HQ-2018-THT-0037

**INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):** N/A

**DATE OF ACTIVITY:**  
1/29/2019

**DRAFTED DATE:** 1/29/2019

**AGENT(S):**  
SA (b) (6)

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**DATE:** September 12, 2018

**PREPARED BY:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),  
(b) (7)(F)

**CASE #:** OI-HQ-2018-THT-0043

**CROSS REFERENCE #:** N/A

**TITLE:** Unidentified Person Sent an Inappropriate Email to the EPA Administrator

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
Unknown	Unknown	N/A

**ALLEGATION(S):**

On October 11, 2017, an inappropriate email was sent to Scott Pruitt, Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), from an unidentified person using the email address of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @gmail.com. The email correspondence to the EPA Administrator contained language which was laced in profanity, with one of the sentences stating "You should be shot and fed to the Salmon."

**FINDING(S):**

OI conducted open source queries to determine the identity of the person who sent the email. These efforts were met with negative results.

The Office of Counsel, OIG, EPA, Washington, DC, reviewed the verbiage in the potential threat (b) (5).

**DISPOSITION:** Inconclusive. Closed.

The United States Attorney's Office, District of Columbia, Washington, DC, was not consulted, as (b) (5).

Based upon the aforementioned, there are no further investigative steps and this investigation is recommended for closure.